Recommendations of the Joint Plant Committee

2938. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Joint Plant Committee on the issue of raising steel prices, if any;

(b) what decisions has been taken by Government thereon; and

(c) whether Government are considering any financial packages to give relief to the Steel Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The Joint Plant Committee (JPC) has not made any recommendation for increasing steel prices.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Production in TISCO, Bokaro and Durgapur Plants

2939. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise production and targets of production at Bokaro, Durgapur and TISCO plants during the last three years and the current year together with the reasons in case of any shortfall; and

(b) what measures are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The following table indicates the year-wise target and production of saleable steel at Bokaro, Durgapur and TISCO during the last three years and the current year:-

(in' 000 tonnes)

	BOKARO		DURGAPUR		TISCO	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actua
1983-84 . . .	1275	1288	658	602	1550	162
1984-85	1500	1459	720	621	1650	1714
1985-86	1720	1721	720	723	1740	1772
1986-87* . . .	1932	1512	680	666	1587	1715

*(April 1986 - February 1987)

Plant-wise reasons for short-falls are given as under:—

Bokaro Steel Plant:

1983-84 . . . . Target was exceeded.

1984-85 . . . . The 3% shortfall in saleable steel production was due to —